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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An oversized planter container assembly, the oversized planter container assembly comprising in combination:
 - an oversized planter container, the oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim;
 - a soil support platform, the soil support platform comprising a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a spacer – engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures

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being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface; and

a support spacer member, the support spacer member comprising a substantially planar superior spacer surface, a substantially planar inferior spacer surface, a sloped inner peripheral surface, a sloped outer peripheral surface, a horizontal spacer thickness, and a platform support ridge, the superior spacer surface being substantially parallel with the inferior spacer surface, the inner peripheral surface being concentric within the outer peripheral surface, the platform support ridge being integrally formed to the inner peripheral surface extending medially adjacent the inferior spacer surface, the inner peripheral surface having a platform – engaging depth, the outer peripheral surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the inner peripheral surface, the peripheral support rim being in removably seated engagement with the platform support ridge, the spacer – engaging depth coinciding with the platform – engaging depth such that the superior support surface is substantially coplanar with the superior spacer surface, the soil support platform and the support spacer member thus forming a substantially planar false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery.

2. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 1 wherein the select container periphery is a substantially uniform measured distance from the container rim, the measured distance ranging from 6 to 8 inches.

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3. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 1 wherein the horizontal spacer thickness has a select magnitude ranging from .25 to 5 inches.
4. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 1 wherein the support spacer member comprises a dentate outer peripheral surface.
5. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 1 wherein the support spacer member comprises a plurality of moisture – receiving apertures.
6. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 1 wherein the support ribs comprise a peripheral support rib, the peripheral support rib being concentric within the peripheral support ridge.
7. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 6 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least one moisture drain aperture.
8. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 7 wherein the oversized planter container assembly further comprises a moisture – receiving tray for collecting moisture from the moisture drain aperture, the moisture – receiving tray comprising a superior moisture – collecting tray surface, an inferior tray surface, a peripheral tray rim, and a plurality of tray ribs, the superior moisture – collecting tray surface having a moisture – collecting depth, the

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peripheral tray rim comprising insert attachment means for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the soil support platform, the tray ribs being integrally formed to the inferior tray surface and substantially equally spaced from one another.

9. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 8 wherein the moisture –collecting depth has a measured magnitude of at most 1.5 inches.
10. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 8 wherein the matter –receiving apertures are defined by at least two latch member – receiving apertures and the insert attachment means are defined by at least two tray support latch members, the tray support latch members removably insertable through the latch member – receiving apertures for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the soil support platform, the peripheral tray rim being concentric within the peripheral support rib when the moisture – receiving tray is removably attached to the soil support platform.
11. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 1 wherein the soil support platform comprises manual removal means for enabling a user to manually remove the soil support platform from engagement with the support spacer member.

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12. (original) The oversized planter container assembly of claim 11 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least two tie strap – receiving apertures and the manual removal means are defined by at least one tie strap, the tie strap being looped through the tie strap – receiving apertures, the looped tie strap thus enabling a user to remove the soil support platform from engagement with the support spacer member.

13. (original) An insert assembly for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the insert assembly comprising:

a soil support platform, the soil support platform comprising a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a spacer – engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures

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being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface; and

at least one support spacer member, the support spacer member comprising a substantially planar superior spacer surface, a substantially planar inferior spacer surface, a sloped inner peripheral surface, a sloped outer peripheral surface, a horizontal spacer thickness, and a platform support ridge, the superior spacer surface being parallel with the inferior spacer surface, the inner peripheral surface being concentric within the outer peripheral surface, the platform support ridge being integrally formed to the inner peripheral surface extending medially adjacent the inferior spacer surface, the inner peripheral surface having a platform – engaging depth, the outer peripheral surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the peripheral support rim being in removably seated engagement with the platform support ridge, the spacer-engaging depth coinciding with the platform – engaging depth such that the superior support surface is substantially coplanar with the superior spacer surface, the soil support platform and the support spacer member thus forming a substantially planar false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery.

14. (original) The insert assembly of claim 13 wherein the horizontal spacer thickness has a select magnitude ranging from .25 to 5 inches.

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15. (original) The insert assembly of claim 13 wherein the support spacer member comprises a dentate outer peripheral surface.
16. (original) The insert assembly of claim 13 wherein the support ribs comprise a peripheral support rib, the peripheral support rib being concentric within the peripheral support ridge.
17. (original) The insert assembly of claim 13 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least one moisture drain aperture.
18. (original) The insert assembly of claim 17 wherein the insert assembly further comprises a moisture – receiving tray for collecting moisture from the moisture drain aperture, the moisture – receiving tray comprising a superior moisture – collecting tray surface, an inferior tray surface, a peripheral tray rim, and a plurality of tray ribs, the superior moisture – collecting tray surface having a moisture – collecting depth, the peripheral tray rim comprising insert attachment means for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the soil support platform, the tray ribs being integrally formed to the inferior tray surface and substantially equally spaced from one another.
19. (original) The insert assembly of claim 18 wherein the moisture – collecting depth has a measured magnitude of at most 1.5 inches.

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20. (original) The insert assembly of claim 19 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least two latch member – receiving apertures and the insert attachment means are defined by at least two tray support latch members, the tray support latch members removably insertable through the latch member – receiving apertures for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the soil support platform, the peripheral tray rim being concentric within the peripheral support rib when the moisture – receiving tray is removably attached to the soil support platform.
21. (original) The insert assembly of claim 13 wherein the peripheral support surface is in removably wedged engagement with the inner peripheral surface.
22. (original) The insert assembly of claim 13 wherein the soil support platform comprises manual removal means for enabling a user to manually remove the soil support platform from engagement with the support spacer member.
23. (original) The insert assembly of claim 22 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least two tie strap – receiving apertures and the manual removal means are defined by at least one tie strap, the tie strap being looped through the tie strap – receiving apertures, the looped tie strap thus enabling a user to remove the soil support platform from engagement with the support spacer member.

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24. (original) An insert assembly for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the insert assembly comprising:

a soil support platform, the soil support platform comprising a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface; and

at least one nestable support spacer member, each nestable support spacer member comprising a substantially planar superior spacer surface, a substantially planar inferior spacer surface, a sloped inner peripheral surface, a sloped outer peripheral surface, a horizontal spacer thickness, an upwardly extending structure support ridge, and a downwardly extending structure support ridge, the superior spacer surface being parallel with the inferior spacer surface, the inner peripheral surface being concentric within the outer peripheral surface, the upwardly

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extending structure support ridge being integrally formed to the inner peripheral surface forming a ridge – receiving groove, the ridge – receiving groove being intermediate the upwardly extending structure support ridge and the inner peripheral surface, the peripheral support ridge being removably engaged with the ridge – receiving groove, the downwardly extending structure support ridge being integrally formed to the outer peripheral surface, the outer peripheral surface being removably engaged with a select sloped surface selected from the group consisting of the inner container surface and an inner peripheral surface, the soil support platform and at least one support spacer member thus forming a substantially planar false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select sloped surface.

25. (original) The insert assembly of claim 24 wherein the support spacer member comprises a ribbed inner peripheral surface.
26. (original) The insert assembly of claim 24 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least one moisture drain aperture.
27. (original) The insert assembly of claim 26 wherein the insert assembly further comprises a moisture – receiving tray for collecting moisture from the moisture drain aperture, the moisture – receiving tray comprising a superior moisture – collecting tray surface, an inferior tray surface, a peripheral tray rim, and a plurality of tray ribs, the superior moisture – collecting tray surface having a

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moisture – collecting depth, the peripheral tray rim comprising insert attachment means for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the soil support platform, the tray ribs being integrally formed to the inferior tray surface and substantially equally spaced from one another.

28. (original) The insert assembly of claim 24 wherein the soil support platform comprises manual removal means for enabling a user to manually remove the soil support platform from engagement with the support spacer member.

Claim Nos. 29 – 70 have now been canceled.

71. (previously presented) A container insert for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the container insert comprising a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a container – engaging depth, the support ribs

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being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the inferior support surface comprising a tray support structure, the tray support structure being concentric within the peripheral support ridge, the tray support structure having a tray support depth, the tray support depth substantially equal in magnitude to the container – engaging depth, the tray support structure comprising tray – supporting means, the container insert thus forming a false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery.

72. (previously presented) A container insert for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the container insert comprising, in combination:

a soil support platform, the soil support platform comprising a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral

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support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a container – engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface, the matter – receiving apertures comprising at least one moisture drain aperture, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the container insert thus forming a false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery; and

a moisture – receiving tray for collecting moisture from the moisture drain aperture, the moisture – receiving tray comprising a superior moisture – collecting tray surface, an inferior tray surface, a peripheral tray surface, and a plurality of tray ribs, the superior moisture – collecting tray surface having a moisture – collecting depth, the peripheral tray surface comprising insert attachment means for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the container insert, the tray ribs being integrally formed to the inferior tray surface and substantially equally spaced from one another.

73. (previously presented) The combination of claim 72 wherein the moisture – collecting depth has a measured magnitude of at most 1.5 inches.

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74. (currently amended) The container insert of claim 72 wherein the inferior support surface comprises a tray support structure, the tray support structure being concentric within the peripheral support ridge, the tray support structure having a tray support depth, the tray support depth substantially equal in magnitude to the container – engaging depth, the tray support structure comprising tray – supporting means, the tray – supporting means being [[are]] defined by at least two latch member – receiving notches and the insert attachment means are defined by at least two tray support latch members, the latch member – receiving notches formed in the tray support rim, the tray support rim thus comprising tray support lips, the tray support latch members removably insertable into the latch member – receiving notches and supportable on the tray support lips for removably attaching the moisture – receiving tray to the container insert, the peripheral tray surface being concentrically adjacent within the tray support structure when the moisture – receiving tray is removably attached to the container insert.

75. (new) A container insert for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the container insert comprising:

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a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a container – engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface, the matter – receiving apertures comprising at least two tie strap – receiving apertures, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the container insert thus forming a false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery; and

manual removal means for enabling a user to manually remove the container insert from engagement with the select container periphery, the manual removal means comprising at least one tie strap, the tie strap being looped through the tie strap – receiving apertures, the looped tie strap thus enabling a user to remove the container insert from engagement with the select container periphery.

76. (new) A container insert for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending

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from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the container insert comprising:

a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, and a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a container – engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface, the inferior support surface comprising a tray support structure, the tray support structure being concentric within the peripheral support ridge, the tray support structure having a tray support depth, the tray support depth substantially equal in magnitude to the container – engaging depth, the tray support structure comprising tray – supporting means, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the container insert thus forming a false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery.

77. (new) A container insert for creating a false bottom in an oversized planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim, and a substantially

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uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the container insert comprising:

a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of support ribs, a plurality of matter – receiving apertures, and manual removal means, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a container – engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter – receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the manual removal means enabling a user to manually remove the container insert from engagement with the select container periphery, the container insert thus forming a false bottom in the oversized planter container at the select container periphery.

78. (new) In combination, an oversized planter container and a container insert, the container insert for creating an elevated, rib-supported false bottom in the planter container, the planter container comprising a container bottom, a container rim,

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and a substantially uniformly sloped inner container surface, the inner container surface extending from the container bottom to the container rim, the inner container surface having a select container periphery intermediate the container bottom and the container rim, the container insert comprising a substantially planar superior support surface, a substantially planar inferior support surface, a peripheral support ridge, a plurality of solid support ribs, and a plurality of matter-receiving apertures, the peripheral support ridge comprising a sloped peripheral support surface and a peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface being intermediate the superior support surface and the peripheral support rim, the peripheral support surface having a substantially uniform container-engaging depth, the support ribs being integrally formed to the inferior support surface and substantially equally spaced from one another, the matter-receiving apertures being spaced intermediate the support ribs and extending from the superior support surface to the inferior support surface, the peripheral support surface being in removably wedged engagement with the select container periphery, the support ribs being elevated above the container bottom for maximizing the space intermediate the support ribs and the container bottom, the container insert thus forming an elevated, rib-supported false bottom in the planter container at the select container periphery.

79. (new) The combination of claim 78 wherein the false bottom is spatially located a substantially uniform measured distance from the container rim, the measured distance ranging from 6 to 8 inches.

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80. (new) The combination of claim 78 wherein the matter – receiving apertures are defined by at least one moisture drain aperture.